

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

First, the applicant and the applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended by the Examiner in conducting telephone discussions that comprise an Examiner interview. The discussion helped focus our efforts to make sure this amendment is precisely targeted to obtain an allowance of the subject patent application.

Turning to the subject amendment, it is to be appreciated that the claims presented herein are identical to the claims as presented within a proposal faxed to the Examiner on May 10, 2004. In particular, the independent claims are amended to include the concept that the plurality of spatial phase characteristics includes at least one non-polarization spatial phase characteristic. This is in distinction from the inventor's previous work which focused only upon the use of polarization.

The applicant's representative is pleased to have worked with the Examiner, via telephone, to achieve this targeted amendment. As such, we look forward to receipt of a notice of allowance.

If there is any impediment to issuing the notice of allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative post haste. As noted during the telephone discussion, the applicant is quite anxious to receive a patent grant and the applicant's representative is willing to provide additional efforts to help the Examiner to achieve this goal.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please
charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34098.

Respectfully submitted,

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